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In re Application of:

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Serial No. 09/423,109

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For: HORMONAL COMPOSITION BASED ON A PROGESTATIONAL
AGENT AND AN OESTROGEN AND USE THEREOF

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.182

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants hereby request that the filing status of the above-identified application be changed from an application filed under 35 USC § 371 to an application filed under 35 USC § 111.

The present application was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 29, 1999, as a U.S. National Phase application based upon PCT/FR99/02588 filed on October 25, 1999. Applicants have determined recently that the filing under 35 USC § 371 was made in error and that present application should not have been filed as a National phase application because the United States was not one of the designated countries in the PCT filing. Nevertheless, a Notification of Acceptance of the application under 35 USC § 371 was mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 16, 2001.

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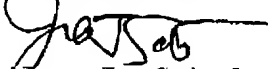
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The fee for this Petition is paid herewith by credit card, and a new inventors' declaration and a certified copy of the PCT application will be submitted as soon as they are available. The new inventors' declaration will claim the priority of PCT/FR99/02588 under 35 USC 119.

Based upon the above facts, a conversion of this application to an application filed under 35 USC § 111 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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